

and you notice that the proponents of LB 142 haven't addressed themselves to the educational background of these individuals. Now specifically to the Beutler amendment on blood tests. I have never said, nor do I pretend to say, that this bill does not in some way or another change what chiropractors are doing. The amendments that I have proposed are designed I think consistent with what chiropractors are capable of doing. The question we should ask with respect to the Beutler amendment is not whether chiropractors are taking blood today but why should chiropractors be taking blood at all. The purpose of blood tests is for diagnosis. Now I would like someone to explain to me what business chiropractors have in taking blood, what their training is in this whole area of chemistry and their background that certainly warrants them to become involved in diagnosis in this particular fashion...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CULLAN: ...and why we should allow them to be engaged in these procedures. So far the only support we have heard for this is, well, they are doing it now so we should continue to let them do it. So I object to the Beutler amendment until certainly there is some justification provided for it.

PRESIDENT: We are discussing the Beutler amendment to the Cullan amendment. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this is a thorny issue today, isn't it? This is a little tough. I tell you nothing is pleasing me today. None of these things, none of these amendments are something that I can support at this point. I will tell you why this has been my position. I have said the chiropractors deserve an update of their scope of practice. Anybody with a scope of practice that was designed in 1915 or profession that has undergone the technological advancements as every profession has deserves a scope of practice more up to date than that. Secondly, I have said I don't want chiropractors taking blood because it sends the wrong signal. It sends the signal that they are diagnosticians, that they can be treated as the primary health giver, as opposed to that person that solves specific kinds of problems, back trouble, special pains, muscle tensions, and the like. So I don't want to send the signal to the people of this state if you have got some kind of medical problem go to a chiropractor first, they will run some tests on you, and they will tell you what is wrong with you or with your system. In fact, only doctors are trained to systemic diagnosis. So the taking of blood is the wrong